

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO[†]

EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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From Some Editorial Notes:

The Second Decade.—This issue of your Journal completes the first volume of the second row of ten and is sturdier by far than its elder brother of ten years ago. Before discussing anything else, the editor (late Dr. Philip Mills Jones) desires to express his sincere thanks to all those who have helped to make up this last volume and for the almost perfect courtesy and consideration which have been extended to him and to the Publication Committee, alike by those whose contributions have and have not been accepted. Two things are to be distinctly noted as indicating advancement: first, the quality of the papers written by our physicians in California has improved very markedly in the last ten years, not alone in the matter presented but also in the care displayed in writing and the preparation of manuscripts; second, the circulation of the Journal is slowly but surely increasing in spreading through the country, and this in spite of the fact that no agents are employed and no "sample copies" have been sent out. . . . Of course, the Journal and its Publication Committee and its editor have been criticized; it would be impossible to be otherwise; it would be impossible to print a single issue that would entirely satisfy every one of the three thousand readers. Questions arise that are matters of the gravest policy, and in determining a line of action, personal considerations must be ignored, and so some persons' feelings are apt to be hurt. But while that is to be regretted, it cannot be helped unless the character of the Journal is to be entirely changed and it is to become a spineless thing, repeating only pleasant words and expressing no definite attitude on any vexed question, and your editor believes that the vast majority of our members do not desire such a change. . . .

Ye Humours of Ye Blood.—We travel quite a lot in circles, we human animals; not so much is it "the swing of the pendulum," of which we hear a great deal, as a real circular movement. Years ago, every abnormal condition was due to some humor of the blood; the blood was too thick, or too thin, or was bad; "bad" was a very broad and catholic word. Then came a time when all that "humor" business was laughed to scorn and the blood was never at fault; always there was some specific or other thing to be reckoned with and fought to a finish; the blood was a fluid stream that remained always the same. But see how we have changed in these last few years! . . .

Our Critics.—There appears to be a disposition on the part of the "many headed" to bewail the quality, or rather the lack thereof, of our editorial comment. . . . Our critics would have us eschew politics or reference to the actions of politicians, even when these bear directly upon matters medical. They weary alike of "fulminations against vendors of proprietary nostrums" and "impersonal diatribes directed at illegal practitioners." . . . They profess Wagner, but their ear is attuned to ragtime. They do not wish to be instructed. They dread to be exhorted. They would be amused. But that is really a large undertaking. Said Garrick, "I am always ready for tragedy at any hour of the day or night. But comedy! Ah, that is a serious matter!" Reflection would seem to show that our critics have collectively debarred us from discussing about everything except personalities. To be sure, personalities are always entertaining—at least, to those who are, to use a slang expression—

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[†] This column strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of Association activities some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and new members.

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA[†]

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Board Proceedings

At a regular meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners held in Sacramento, California, October 17 to 20, inclusive, over sixty applicants wrote the examination, including physicians and surgeons, drugless practitioners, and chiroprodists.

The following changes were made in the status of licensees:

Frank A. Pearl, M.D., license revoked on March 10, 1938, was restored on October 17, 1938, and he was placed on probation for a period of five years.

Benjamin Belove, M.D., charged with aiding and abetting, was on October 20, 1938, found guilty and placed on probation for a period of three years.

James Rossward Carr, licensed chiropodist, charged with the use of a fictitious name, was on October 18, 1938, placed on probation for a period of three years.

Clarence Carleton Chappelle, M.D., charged with alleged illegal operation, was on October 18, 1938, found guilty and his license to practice in this State was revoked.

Ralph Culbertson Cloninger, M.D., charged with alleged illegal operation, was on October 20, 1938, found guilty and he was placed on probation for a period of five years, with the further penalty that he shall not practice prior to January 1, 1939.

Henry L. Gardner, M.D., charged with aiding and abetting, was on October 20, 1938, found guilty and he was placed on probation for a period of three years.

Abraham Gottlieb, M.D., was on October 20, 1938, found guilty and placed on probation for three years.

Leo L. Kafka, licensed chiropodist, charged with aiding and abetting, was on October 19, 1938, found guilty and placed on probation for a period of three years.

Morris Philip Kaufman, M.D., charged with alleged addiction, was on October 20, 1938, found guilty and his license to practice was revoked.

William Raymond McDannell, M.D., charged with the use of a fictitious name, was on October 20, 1938, found guilty and placed on probation for a period of five years.

Milton S. McMurtry, M.D., charged in three complaints with alleged abortion, was on October 19, 1938, found guilty and his license to practice was revoked.

Charles L. Orr, M.D., charged with aiding and abetting and use of fictitious name, was on October 18, 1938, found guilty and placed on probation for a period of five years, with the proviso that he cease practice during the period November 1, 1938, to July 1, 1939.

Irving Delphin Thorne (licensed chiropodist), charged with use of fictitious name and aiding and abetting, was on October 18, 1938, found guilty and placed on probation for a period of three years.

The following cases were continued to the next meeting of the Board, to be held in Los Angeles: Edward H. Anthony, M.D., Harry Wilson Boyd, M.D., Melvin B. Huff, M.D., Walter Carl Middleton (drugless practitioner), Milton F. Novotny, M.D., Joseph T. Wrenn, M.D., Thomas D. Wyatt, M.D., and William H. Young, M.D.

News Items

"The State Board of Medical Examiners, meeting here today, reelected Dr. William R. Molony of Los Angeles as President. Dr. Clark L. Abbott of Richmond and Dr. C. B. Pinkham of San Francisco were reelected as vice-president and secretary, respectively. Molony has been president since 1933 and Pinkham has been secretary for twenty-five years." (Sacramento Bee, October 17, 1938.)

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[†] The office addresses of the California State Board of Medical Examiners are printed in the roster on advertising page 6.